

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 and 8 stand rejected. Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner's indication that claims 9-14, 16 and 17-21 are allowed and that claims 6-7 and 22 comprise allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten as suggested in the Office Action.

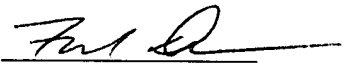
Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the claim rejections, the claims have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claims 5 and 6. Claim 1 is essentially claim 6 rewritten in independent form. Thus, claim 1 and all pending claims dependent therefrom are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In addition, claim 22 has been written in independent form to include to the subject matter of claim 1. Thus, claim 22 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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